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SUBJ: SHABA INVASION: GOZ PLAN FOR HOLDING KOLWEZI AND COUNTERATTACK

1. AT A MEETING CALLED BY GEN. BABIA WITH CZAMISH AND COL. PLENARD (BELGIAN COUNTERPART) TO DETERMINE PRIORITIES FOR EQUIPMENT DELIVERY (IN OUR CASE, THE SECOND AIRCRAFT), BABIA EXPLAINED GOZ STRATEGY AS DEVELOPED BY WAR COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY MOBUTU. (WILL EXPLAIN TO FRENCH COUNTERPART LATER.) AS FOLLOWS:

A. KOLWEZI MUST BE HELD AT ALL COSTS, AND ACCORDINGLY, ITS DEFENSE WILL BE REINFORCED. A SHABA OPERATIONAL COMMAND, WITH A TRADITIONALLY GENERAL STAFF TYPE ORGANIZATION WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT KOLWEZI. AN ADVANCED LOGISTICAL BASE WITH NECESSARY LOGISTICAL, MAINTENANCE, AND MEDICAL UNITS, WILL ALSO BE CO-LOCATED AT KOLWEZI.

B. GOZ FUTURE OPERATIONS VISUALIZE THE CONTINUED REINFORCEMENT OF SHABA BY GROUND COMBAT UNITS FOR A COUNTEROFFENSIVE CAMPAIGN TO RETAKE LOST ZAIRIAN SOIL. OPERATIONAL PLANNING CURRENTLY INCLUDES AIRBORNE/AIRLANDING OPERATIONS COMBINED WITH GROUND LINK UP OPERATIONS IN WESTERN SHABA. ACCORDINGLY, PRIORITIES FOR DELIVERY OF SECOND AIRLIFT AS REQUESTED BABIA REPORTED REFTEL 225. WHILE DETAILED TACTICAL PLANNING NOT FIRM, MOVEMENT OF ONE PARACHUTE BN TO KAMINA WILL COMMENCE WITHIN NEXT DAY TO TWO. THIS BUILDUP FOR FUTURE COUNTEROFFENSIVE OPERATIONS HAS BEGUN AND

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AIRBORNE/AIRLANDING OPERATION COULD COMMENCE AS EARLY AS 24-25 MARCH. DETAILS OF TACTICAL PLANS WILL BE RELAYED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.
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